

Name: Master Street Plan Amendment – Adding Roundabouts

Location: Jurisdiction wide

Request: Add typical roundabout design as option to the Master Street Plan

Source: Staff

PROPOSAL / REQUEST:

To amend the Master Street Plan text to show a ‘typical’ roundabout design as an option for road intersections within the Little Rock Master Street Plan area.

ANALYSIS:

Over the last decade ‘traffic circles’ or ‘roundabouts’ have been used in various parts of Little Rock for intersection design. These roundabouts were first placed on existing streets at intersections by the City. Later a few developers placed roundabouts at intersections of Local and Collector streets. In addition a two lane roundabout was constructed at an Arterial intersection.

The Master Street Plan does include a ‘typical’ design for Arterial intersections. This design has left and right turn lanes for turning movements. It does not include a design for a roundabout at intersections. To clarify that such an intersection is appropriate in Little Rock, staff would like to add a ‘typical’ roundabout design to the Master Street Plan.

This is intended to be permissive in nature and would still require that the actual design be reviewed with engineers in the City Public Works Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS:

Notices were sent to the City contact list for ordinance amendments. This list includes engineers, developers and neighborhood organizations. Staff has received a couple of calls in general support as a result of the mailing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff believes the change is appropriate.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

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The item was placed on the consent agenda for approval. By a vote of 9 for, 0 against and 2 absent the consent agenda was approved.